

## KLEPTOMANIA IS NOW EPIDEMIC.

Big Stores Fill Prison Cells with Those Charged with Thievery.

Wife of James H. Raynor, of Harlem, Is Again Behind the Bars.

Lizzie Stevenson Whips the Shop Detectives, and Is Sorry She Cannot Kill.

TWO ARRESTS MADE AT TIFFANY'S.

Sisters from Lodi Take Stuff Enough to Load a Push Cart—May Rogers Charged with Picking Pockets. Justice is a Brooklyn.

The police had their hands full yesterday in the big stores. There were common thieves, who fought, cursed and swore, and several aristocratic kleptomaniacs, who later on will probably show that they are irresponsible, and so, gullible.

Mrs. Elizabeth Raynor, wife of James H. Raynor, of No. 167 West 129th street, was arrested at John Wamamaker's store in the afternoon. Her husband is a wealthy man, and his first inclination of the trouble was when a Journal reporter told him last night. "My God!" he cried, but would not believe it. At the moment a messenger arrived from Jefferson Market Prison, saying it was all a mistake, and that his wife would explain it to him in court.

Mr. Raynor then said his wife had been arrested under similar circumstances five years ago, and that her mother died ten years ago of softening of the brain. Dr. Carman, the family physician, declared the woman was not responsible for her acts. He said she lost a daughter five years ago, and had had a great deal of mental trouble since.

Mrs. Annie Clancy, the store detective, says she saw the aged Mrs. Raynor push her hand through her muff and pick up a pocketbook belonging to Mrs. Margaret O'Neill, of No. 226 East Twelfth street. The purse contained \$30. The arrest was then made.

Captain O'Brien, chief of the Detective Bureau, said last night the woman was convicted six years ago of taking a purse out of a satchel in a dry goods store, but got off through the influence of her well-to-do friends.

He declared she is well known to all the store detectives and that she wears big diamonds and expensive clothes. She frequently drives to the shops in her carriage, and on one occasion was accompanied by her footman.

An effort has been made to get her photograph, but not until yesterday was it obtained for the Rogues' Gallery. Her name now, guilty or innocent, is 4,210. Her husband is understood by the police to be a real estate agent in Harlem.

**Woman Fights the Police.**

Lizzie Stevenson, of No. 212 East Thirtieth street, who is charged with being a professional shoplifter, had to go to the Yorkville Police Court yesterday, charged with stealing from a big store on the East Side. The paid detective said he caught her lifting things off the shelves and secreted them in a professional shoplifter's bag, two of which she had concealed under her skirts.

When the detective told her she was under arrest she hit him a terrible blow on the jaw, knocking him flat on the floor. To show that she meant business she kicked him down a flight of steps. He had to call on Policeman Baer for assistance, and he whistled for another officer.

"Oh, you are two of the new dude cops, are you?" said the woman. Then she started for them striking and clashing Baer till his clothing was wrecked. Then she began on Ferguson, his helper, and presently used him up. It was not till several of the clerks and half the customers in the store mixed up in the row that the woman was subdued and taken to the station house. In her bags were found an umbrella, four gold rings, two scarf pins and a feather box. The only regret she expressed was that she had not killed the policeman.

**Two Arrests at Tiffany's.**

The great house of Tiffany does not escape the kleptomaniac, though there is a notion that at all times every customer is kept under the range of a strong glass during every minute he or she may be in the store.

Thomas and Mary Adams, who live at No. 227 West Thirtieth street, and who, the police say, are professional thieves, are now in separate cells for work alleged to have been done in the store on Monday. The story was told in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday.

The store detective said he saw the woman palm a diamond bracelet worth \$12 and hand it to the man. The Headquarters detectives found at their home plate and gems worth \$300, which will be held for identification. The woman was richly clothed and was of dashing appearance. The pair were defended by lawyer Emanuel Friend. The case was held open till next Monday and the couple were held up in default of \$500 bail each. The woman became hysterical when she was led away, and had to be cared for by the matron.

**Two Sisters from Lodi.**

Eugenie and Aurelia Van Hunter, sisters, who live at Lodi, N. Y., were locked up on a charge of stealing goods from a large Fourteenth street store to stock a shop. The detectives took off Eugenie four pocketbooks, five pipes, three neckties, six tablespoons, a dozen teaspoons, a pair of suspenders, a blanket, three pairs of stockings, two pairs of cuff buttons and a picture frame.

Aurelia had four pocketbooks, three neckties, four pipes, three pairs of scissors, six knives, four pairs of stockings, eight handkerchiefs, two picture frames, several collar buttons and a couple of mirrors. In Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday they pleaded guilty and went to jail. They were held in default of \$200 bail each.

**May and George Arrested.**

May Rogers and George Jenkins were taken to Jefferson Market Police Court fresh from exploits at the "Big Store." The complaining witness was Miss Jane Curry, of No. 150 Clinton place, a customer. The store detective saw May take a pair of gloves from a pair of gloves, suspended from her waist. She followed her, and it was not long before she picked Miss Curry's pocket, getting \$1.00 and valuable papers.

The detective saw the woman meet a man in the elevator and hand him the bag. She caused the arrest of the couple. May wept bitterly in court, but Magistrate Rudolph held them both in \$500 bail for trial.

**Justice Up to Date.**

In the Adams Street Police Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, Justice Walsh held one woman who had pleaded guilty to a charge of shoplifting and discharged another who admitted herself to be a thief.

A store detective saw two women acting suspiciously, and before he had followed them for one picked up a pair of gloves, she caused the arrest of the couple. May wept bitterly in court, but Magistrate Rudolph held them both in \$500 bail for trial.

would take the bag and box to the ladies' room. I was arrested while waiting for her." The woman would not give her name or address, saying she was of a well-known family, and that she would not let her friends know of her disgrace. The case was adjourned, and the fair shopper will spend Christmas behind the bars. The picture was taken for the Rogues' Gallery. The other woman was garbed in widow's weeds. She admitted she had taken the articles found in her shopping bag by the detectives. It was discovered that she was well to do. Her name is Julia Furlong, of No. 10 St. Felix street. Her husband died three years ago. "A clear case of kleptomania," said the detectives, and within an hour she was tried behind closed doors in the Justice's private office. The charge was withdrawn and she was allowed to go her way.

**THEY DON'T FAVOR A LEAGUE.**

N. Y. Yacht Club Seems to Be Against the Proposed Union.

At the special meeting of the New York Yacht Club held at the Madison avenue club house last night, it was resolved, upon motion of ex-Commander James D. Smith, "that a committee of seven, one of whom shall be the commodore, be appointed by the chairman for the purpose of considering the advisability of organizing a yacht racing league, the object of which league shall be to establish uniform co-operation on matters connected with the racing rules, the promotion of yacht building, the encouragement and development of the sport and the preservation of the history of the club, and that said committee report back to the club at a special meeting for that purpose."

That the committee was appointed does not signify that the club is likely to accept the report of the committee with any degree of favor, even if it declares that it would be advantageous for the yachtsmen.

## TAMMANY CAPTURES THE BIG FAIR.

Braves Throng the Garden and Vote for a Case of Wine.

Red Men to Be Entertained Today, While Christmas Is Set Aside for College Men.

Louise Beaudet Will Auction Dolls and Preside Over the Journal's Posterama.

SUBWAY PLAISANCE ATTRACTIVE.

The Journal Leads in the Contest as to the Most Popular Paper, and Its Irish-American Impersonator Is Admired.

It was Tammany night at the Commercial Travellers' Fair, in the Madison Square Garden amphitheatre last night, and the

Judge Robert T. Daniel, of Georgia, and Charles C. Foley, of Philadelphia, Pa. Today will be Red Men's Day. The tribe from the council fires of every section of the country will be represented, and gay time is expected. The Great Inchoonoe, Judge Robert T. Daniel, of Georgia, will speak to the pale faces. Great Scholar Sagamore George E. Green, of Binghamton, will look as handsome as usual. Great Junior Sagamore Dr. S. C. Wilkey, of Des Moines, will lead the pipe of peace. Great Chief of Records Charles C. Foley, of Philadelphia, will speak. Of the officers of New York State Great Sachem H. Higbie will speak, and Great Chief of Records S. A. Dunham, of Binghamton, will be present.

The 24th will be devoted to Pennsylvania Day, and the entertainment will not be slow, though some important representatives come from Philadelphia. Hon. William F. Harry will be chairman. There will be a Southern cake walk on Thursday evening, December 24, in the assembly room, and quite a number of twenty-five colored couples will compete, and there will be all the fun the twenty-five colored couples can make.

The great day of the fair will be Christmas day. It is given over to the colleges. The following gentlemen will have charge of arrangements for College Days: Henry S. Trowler, chairman, Belknap Medical College; T. M. McWilliams, New York College of Dentistry; Charles M. Hickey, New York University; Samuel Bonner, Bellevue College; George Saunders, University Law School; J. J. Lladon, Columbia University.

**Louise Beaudet Will Appear To-day.** At the show today Miss Louise Beaudet, at present delighting the town at the Olympia, will hold an auction of dolls of red men and others. She will also preside at the Journal's "Posterama," a series of several visits to study the posters and has been enchanted with "The Yellow Kid," the great striking artistic psychological personifications of the tendencies of the great proletariat, under ten of New York. To-night Miss Beaudet will give the results

## ST. PAUL BANKS CRASH.

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Company bonds, notes and real estate. Nobody could be found who would say that he had seen these bonds. Director W. R. Page looked over all the bonds Saturday afternoon, and he failed to find any American Banking Company bonds. Second Vice-President William A. Hammon refused to tell whether or not the bank had the collateral.

George A. Weiss denied this afternoon the statement that he is indebted to the bank or to Mr. Schneider for a large amount. The conviction is therefore growing among bankers that any collateral put up to secure loans to these two men has been disposed of in some way, and is lost in the hands of the bank.

Dispatches from Washington quote Comptroller Eckels as saying he did not know whether or not there would be any criminal prosecutions. Angus & Glendie, one of the largest contracting firms in this city, went into liquidation today. A bill for a receiver was filed, and Judge Horton appointed William Hall to take charge of the concern. According to the statement made by the attorneys, the firm's assets are \$300,000, with liabilities of \$250,000. The concern was a heavy debtor of the National Bank of Illinois, and it is claimed over the institution over \$200,000.

There was a heavy run to-day on the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank. The bank does the largest trust and savings business of any institution in the city and has a capital and surplus of \$4,000,000. President Mitchell says several millions can be paid out if necessary. P. B. Armour, was said, rendered the bank \$2,000,000 in cash with which to pay depositors.

Common Pleas Court, on application of A. T. Freedley, as counsel for the Philadelphia National Bank, against the National Bank of Illinois, of Chicago, with the Independence National Bank of Philadelphia, as guaranties. The amount of bail was set at \$25,000. R. A. Dale, as counsel for Diesel & Co. and others, also caused a writ of foreign attachment to be issued against the National Bank of Illinois of Chicago, with bail at \$15,000.

The failure of the Bank of Minnesota, at St. Paul, had no effect in this city save to lead to the exercise of more care in advancing money to the Western banks. The correspondents of the bank in this city are the Chase National Bank and Mechanics' National Bank.

Henry W. Cannon, president of the Chase National Bank, said: "We have a small account with the Bank of Minnesota. They have been keeping a gradually decreasing account on deposit here for some years. I do not think the failure had anything to do with the recent Chicago crash. It is simply a case of 'dry rot'."

G. V. Smith, cashier of the Mechanics' National Bank, said: "The Bank of Minnesota has had an account with us for years, and we have looked upon President Cannon as one of the wealthiest men in the State. We had previous to the suspension heard that the Parsons had large real estate transactions."

The demand at local banks for money to relieve the situation at Chicago was not so heavy yesterday. The total amount of currency shipped out did not exceed \$400,000, of which \$200,000 went from the Sub-Treasury by currency transfer.

**SEVEN KILLED BY POLICE.**

Spanish Anarchists Refused to Disperse and Were Fired Upon—Bombs in Their Quarters.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—A small band of men,

## GAS COMBINE DEATEN AGAIN.

It Tries, but Fails, to Gain Control of the Aldermanic Committee.

Defeated in the Board by a Vote of Nineteen to Seven.

Alderman Hall Succeeds to the Place Vacated by Mr. Olcott.

COMMITTEE IS NOW FOR REFORM.

The \$10,000,000 Franchise Will Be Repealed, and Legislation Will Be Secured. Meanwhile the Journal's Injunction Keeps Them in Check.

The cards of the gas combine were played with soft and silky hands at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen yesterday. There was more silent manipulation for fuel gas and incidentally the gas interests generally, under the guise of an apparently harmless resolution to appoint a successor to Alderman Olcott on the Gas Committee, than ever appeared when gas was the chief topic of discussion.

Mr. Olcott's resignation was received and regretted were expressed; then it was accepted, and a vacancy was declared. Then Mr. Noonan offered a resolution that Alderman Nicholas Brown be appointed on the Gas Committee of seven and be made chairman in place of Olcott, resigned.

The resolution meant practically that a Noonan man would be at the head of the Committee on Gas. And it meant much more to the gas consumers of New York. It was Mr. Noonan, it will be remembered, who headed the Aldermen who attempted to give away the gas franchise for a song, allowing the gas company to tear up the streets and practically take possession of the city.

It also meant that there would be four Democrats against three Republicans on the committee, consequently the Republican Legislature would never grant the committee power to investigate municipal ownership of gas plants in New York City. This desired step toward gas reform had been the object of Mr. Olcott's resolution asking for "power" of the Legislature.

**In the Committee's Interest.**

The apparent object of Noonan's resolution was to reorganize the committee in favor of the gas interest, and against investigation and legislation in behalf of the people, and thus to defeat the proposed reforms introduced by Mr. Olcott.

Alderman Oakley, the Tammany leader, claimed the resolution was out of order, as it usurped the power of the President of the Board to name Mr. Olcott's successor.

President Jeroloman ruled Mr. Oakley out of order.

Mr. Oakley further said there was no use of introducing politics into the committee. The author of the resolution favoring municipal ownership of gas plant in New York Mr. Olcott never intended that there should be any politics in the committee. His resolution had been offered for the good of the people, he knowing that, with a Republican chairman, the committee would stand some chance of securing fair and effective recognition at Albany in obtaining power to investigate the gas question. Mr. Oakley added: "I am a Democrat, and I desire this committee to secure this power to investigate the municipal ownership of gas plants. I deeply have the cause at heart that I am willing to resign from the committee and have a Republican appointed in my place, that gas reform may be secured."

**Bentley, 19 to 7.**

Noonan's resolution was lost 19 to 7, Noonan voting with the 7, with many Tammany Democrats voting against him.

During the debate Mr. Noonan, under excitement, let slip the fact that the committee will never get any authority from the Legislature. Then, recovering himself, he declared: "We did a Republican Legislature ever give us anything?"

Just before the Board adjourned President Jeroloman, who had been attending a session of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, returned to the chamber, rapped for order and announced a vacancy on the Gas Committee. He appointed Mr. Hall chairman in place of Mr. Olcott, and Alderman Ware to take the place vacated by Mr. Hall.

**Olcott's Successor.**

From a political standpoint, this left the committee as it was originally formed, having four Republican and three Democratic members. The Board of Aldermen, however, is short one member, and will have to come from Mr. Olcott's district, the Twenty-third. Sixteen votes—a majority of the Board—will be necessary to fill this vacancy. The Board now stands 14 to 14 between Tammany and the opposition. It has fourteen Tammany Aldermen against only thirteen Republicans. Mr. Olcott having resigned, two Democrats, O'Brien and one Independent Democrat.

It was said last night that the appointment of Mr. Hall as chairman of the Gas Committee is a knockout blow for the gas monopoly. It was also said that there would be some sparring in the future for the leadership of the Board. Mr. Oakley, Tammany Democrat, has been the Democratic leader, but when Mr. Brown appeared behind Alderman Noonan yesterday for control, notwithstanding his defeat, it looks like a future contest for Democratic supremacy.

However this may be, the friends of cheap gas have scored a decided victory, and the next move will be legislative action for cheaper gas and an investigation of the Aldermanic committee looking to municipal ownership of the gas plants.

The next step will be for the Gas Committee, with the new chairman at its head, to reconsider the Consumers' Gas franchise, which was withdrawn from the Mayor because of the Journal's injunction. The committee's report will probably be made at the next meeting.

Meanwhile the rights of the citizens are protected by the Journal's effective injunction.

**ENJOYED HIS OWN JOKE.**

Charged with Swindling, Frank Waters Went Laughing to a Cell.

Frank R. Waters was arraigned in the Essex Market Court yesterday charged with perverting a swindle on Mrs. Ida Lersch, of No. 91 Second street. Mrs. Lersch said that Waters secured board with her, telling her that Waters secured for the Edison Electric Light Company.

Monday he gave her son a small package and a letter to deliver, saying that the package contained \$20. Later he asked Mrs. Lersch to lend him \$10 until he could go to the bank in the morning. Mrs. Lersch let him have it, and Waters left with her, telling her, saying he could not find the person the letter was addressed to. Mrs. Lersch opened the package, and in it was a copy of the song, "You Will Be Sorry When I Am Gone."

Waters laughed until the tears ran down his cheeks when Mrs. Lersch was telling her story to Magistrate Shuman. He could not contain his mirth when he was locked up in default of \$500 bail.



SOME OF THE PERSONS CHARGED WITH CHRISTMAS KLEPTOMANIA IN THE BIG STORES.

of the country to unite. The members who participated in the discussion were Committee members Charles C. Foley, Daniel Clark, E. S. Hatch and S. Nicholson Kane. Mr. Postley was only one of the signers of the petition. The case was held open for the fifth time. W. J. Arkell, vice-president, for the fourth time. The Press Committee consists of John A. Sheeler, Arthur E. Bowers, John W. Keller, Chester S. Lord and William Berg.

**The Quaint Club's Annual Meeting.** The Quaint Club, at its annual meeting at the Waldorf last night, elected officers and committees, and decided to give in February the dinner to the lawyers which was postponed last year because of the death of John A. Cockerill.

The officers elected are George Daniels, President, for the fifth time; W. J. Arkell, vice-president, for the fourth time. The Press Committee consists of John A. Sheeler, Arthur E. Bowers, John W. Keller, Chester S. Lord and William Berg.

big fair was crowded with the light-hearted throng of people who are always astrir in Tammany's rejoicings.

A case of wine was put up by the fair as a prize to the most popular Tammany man in the wigwam by vote. The vote was not declared at a late hour last night, but all the Tammany men are popular.

Colonel Fred Feigl was chairman of the Reception Committee, and he was assisted by the following well known members of Tammany: H. W. Peters, A. T. Donohue, Victor J. Dowling, F. L. Blidway, Nelson Smith, Daniel M. Donagan, Colonel Asa Dyer Gardner, Anthony Clinchy and J. H. Allard.

Among other prominent people present were: Senator Edward O'Connor, State Treasurer A. R. Colvin, Assemblyman Charles F. Tupper, of Binghamton; General E. A. McAlpin, of Governor Morton's staff;

of her observations in a series of impressive notes, which will assuredly evoke attention.

Miss Nina Diva, who is in America under contract to Hammerstein, appears at today's matinee, and will give some selections from her repertoire. On Saturday night she will participate in the auction sale of the remainder of the family of dolls. Nina Diva in private life in Paris is the Baroness P. de Erlanger.

The Subway Plaisance is, of course, through, and holds its own in competition with the industrial exhibits as one of the potent attractions. This is more especially true of the International Beauty Show, where a coterie of equally young women discreetly display some of their charms of face and shoulders, dressed in costumes representing different nations. The girls are picked from the races represented, and each girl stands for one of the leading city papers. A vote is on for the prettiest girl, and the popular newspaper, and so far the Journal and its pretty Irish-American representative are in the lead by a good margin. She is a brunette of striking appearance, a good representative of the American girl.

**Foreign Attachments Issued.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—A writ of foreign attachment was issued yesterday from the

A crowd of depositors gathered this morning at the Hibernal Bank, in the Ashland block, to withdraw their savings. This bank is regarded as one of the strongest in the city, having withstood every panic. For this reason it is one of the largest depositories for savings in the city.

**To Issue Certificates of Deposit.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Mr. McKean, temporary receiver of the National Bank of Illinois, telegraphed Comptroller Eckels that public funds held in the bank were needed and suspension of their payment might cause embarrassment. Mr. Eckels told Mr. McKean to make arrangements with depositors to issue to them at once a certificate for such amount of their deposit as examination of the books of the bank made it clearly appear was due them. This will enable them to avail themselves of the offer of the clearing house to advance 75 per cent.

**Foreign Attachments Issued.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—A writ of foreign attachment was issued yesterday from the

carrying a republican flag, assembled to-day at Novelda, Province of Alicante, and when called upon to disperse by the gendarmes refused to do so.

They were again ordered to disperse, and upon their second refusal the gendarmes fired upon them, killing seven of them. The others then fled precipitately, but the gendarmes pursued and captured several of them.

A search was made of the lodgings of the prisoners and a number of dynamite bombs were found. The police are at a loss to decide whether the assembling of the men was for the purpose of making a demonstration of sympathy for the Anarchists sentenced Saturday at Barcelona, or whether it was a manifestation of republican enthusiasm. The finding of the bombs tends to make them believe the men are Anarchists.